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to catch me. I guess maybe it will. It lowers the tax, maybe, on some of my vehicles I drive, and I happen to drive the same make of vehicle as Senator Chambers; gets good gas mileage, and I think it might affect Senator Chambers and I both a little bit here, what we drive. But it may catch Senator Raikes or somebody like that. He's not...maybe Senator Loudon, with his white whatever-it-is he drives. I don't know. But it increases the tax on the high-end vehicles that are valued over \$75,000; it cleans up some statutes dealing with motorcycles, puts them into one chart with vehicles. And as you well know, some of these motorcycles may cost \$30,000, \$40,000, \$50,000 now, so it puts...cleans that up. Part of the reason we have so many amendments filed to the bill is, this was a 2005 session bill. We had the recodification bills passed last session, so we've got to kind of harmonize all that. And I believe I will end my opening, since the first amendment that I have filed actually amends sections in 1 through 3 of the green copy, and let Senator Landis introduce the committee amendments at this time. That would...I would relinquish the rest of my time back to the Chair and let Senator Landis open on the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on LB 248. As stated by the Clerk, there are Revenue Committee amendments. Senator Landis, Chair of the committee, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Microphone malfunction)...Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. The committee amendment amends 39-2510, which is the county road funds section, and 39-2520, which is the city street funds provision, and it says that local sales taxes levied on motor vehicles within the funds required...are required to be expended exclusively for road and street purposes. By the way, I will tell you the one place that we know of that that probably will conflict with existing practice in the city of Lincoln, because I believe the city of Lincoln uses some of these funds in their general fund, and so it's possible that that is the one place where this may apply and in fact force a local political subdivision to alter their practices, and there may be more. The theory has always been that the sales tax levied on motor vehicles was to go for roads,